(e) and (f) The State Government is implementing a scheme for rehabilitation of ULFA militants who have surrendered. Similarly, a rehabilitation scheme has been formulated for Bodo militants who have surrendered. This scheme envisages a self-employment programme with investment upto Rs. 2 lakhs. The State Government has sanctioned Rs. 2173.50 lakhs for rehabilitation of ex-ULFA militants and Rs. 935.50 lakhs for ex-Bodo militants.

Delay in Arm Supply to Pakistan

620. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the American Congress has put pressure on the Clinton Administration which has resulted in delay in shipment of US Arms to Pakistan;

(b) it so, the reaction of Government to this development;

(c) what role the House Foreign Relations Committee Chairman, Benjamin Gilman and Congressmen, Howard Berman, who recently visited India, have played in this;

(d) whether this can be called the success of India's diplomacy; and

(e) what diplomatic steps are being taken to stop the arms supply to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A number of US Congressmen have written to President Clinton to with hold the US $ 368 million arms shipment in view of US intelligence reports regarding transfer of nuclear weapons technology by China to Pakistan, including S, 000 ring magnets for uranium enrichment at Pakistan's Kahuta nuclear facility.

(b) The fact that Pakistan remains actively engaged in clandestine purchases of nuclear weapons technology from abroad, including after the imposition of the Pressler embargo in 1990, is well known to the Government of India and has been pointed out to the US Government on a number of ocassions, particularly in the context of the US Administration initiative for a waiver of the Pressler Amendment. The US intelligence report provides further evidence of what has been widely known about Pakistan's clandestine nuclear purchases.

(c) Several US Senators and Congressmen have made statements urging the Administration to cancel the arms transfer or hold it in abeyance in view of the recent revelations. Congressmen Gilman and Berman are among those in the House and Senate who have written to President Clinton in this regard.

(d) and (e) The Government of India and Indian Missions in the US have made energetic efforts to make the US Administration, Congress, and opinion makers in the US fully aware of the adverse impact on regional peace, stability and non-proliferation of the supply of advanced US military equipment to Pakistan despite its clandestine acquisition of nuclear weapons technology and missiles, and continued sponsorship of terrorism in India. These efforts will be maintained.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आवश्यकता

621. **श्री राम जेठमालानी** :

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि:

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि देश में पेट्रोलियम एवं अन्य संबंधित पदार्थो की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए देश की आयात पर निर्भरता में निरंतर वृद्वि हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1990-91 और 1994-95 के दौरान किए गए आयात के तुलनात्मक आंकड़े क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच हैं कि गत वर्षो के दौरान पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आवश्यकता में निरंतर वृद्वि हुई हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1991-92 से 1994-95 के दौरान औसत वार्षिक आवश्यकता में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्वि हुई?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के (राज्य मंत्री) (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) 1990-91 और 1994-95 के दौरान कच्चे तेल और पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद का आयात निम्नानुसार था: